

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-13, 15-18 and 24-29 were finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) and 103(a). This amendment presents the rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal. Only Claim 16 has been amended to more clearly define the present invention and Claims 1, 5, 11, 24 and 27 have been amended to conform with the wording of Claim 16 for proper antecedent basis.

In light of the foregoing amendment and remarks, it is respectfully requested that this amendment under 37 CFR 1.116(b)(2) be admitted so that an appeal may commence with the claims in better form for consideration by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

Respectfully submitted,

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